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REMARKS

Claims 1-23 remain in this application.

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited.

An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly requested.

Should there be any matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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APPENDIX:

The Appendix includes the following item(s):

- - a new Abstract of the Disclosure

ABSTRACT

An automatic toilet seat cleaning unit includes a cabinet adapted to receive at least one toilet seat in a stowed position, an electric operating element operatively connected to the toilet seat and a cleaning element. The unit is adapted to clean a toilet seat when the seat is raised or moved to be stowed within the cabinet by the electric operating element. The cabinet includes at least one door adapted to open to allow a toilet seat to be received in the stowed position. Also included is a method of operating the cleaning unit.